

Dr. Roller Wrestles To-Morrow--Amateurs Get Virginia League Park

VIRGINIA LEAGUE IS IN FOR REGULAR WAR BEFORE FINISH COMES

Richmond Owners Ready to Enter New League After State Organization Succumbs From Heavy Load of Equitable Schedule--Fans Here Will Welcome Almost Any Sort of Change.

BY GUS MALBERT. It's to be war--grim, stark, unrelenting war! B-I-u-d! War with its skeletons and dragons; war with the "no-quarter" sign blazoned on the armor plate of the warriors. Colonel Thomas B. McAdams threw down the gauntlet Friday night, after the Virginia League magnates had agreed among themselves to adopt an equitable schedule. Colonel McAdams boldly asserted that Richmond, and the men representing Richmond in the councils of the league, were ready to help the Virginia League, but that these same men were just as willing to fight and likewise were prepared to fight to save their faces in the event the Virginia League decided upon a policy of annihilation for the Virginia League.

After listening to Colonel McAdams and other representatives of Richmond, to say nothing of the forensic declarations of the representatives of Petersburg and Roanoke, the Virginia League decided upon the equitable schedule, discussed more in detail as you progress.

Want Better Baseball. Richmond wants better baseball than the Virginia League can offer, and Richmond will have that "better baseball" if money and energy can purchase it. That in epitome is the opinion of the men who control the local franchise. They believe that in the adoption of the equitable schedule has been furnished the weapon by which the Virginia League will be driven into the farthest depths, and then Richmond--

But to recur to the story, there is now forming another league; a league within the ranks of organized baseball. This new league, looming somewhat large upon the horizon, is to take the best cities on the Atlantic Seaboard and weld them into a circuit that will provide good baseball for the people who pay to see good baseball. That the equitable schedule is going to mean the death of the Virginia League, is the opinion of the men whose money makes possible the Richmond end of the Virginia League. If the Virginia League dies, there is nothing to stop Richmond from stepping into this new organization, minus shackles and minus the traditions of the Virginia League. Likewise, and further, Richmond will stop at nothing to help the demise of the Virginia League. Indeed, Richmond is ready right now to purchase at considerable cost a suitable floral design to embellish the corpse. Nay, more, Richmond is willing right now to name a suitable committee to attend the wake.

May Buy Out for \$2,500. There is still more illuminating information. The constitution of the Virginia League provides that any city in the league has the right to withdraw from the circuit upon the payment of \$2,500, and Richmond has something more than \$2,500 in the treasury to get out of the Virginia League and to purchase a berth in another league more to the liking of fandom hereabouts.

"We are ready to act with the Virginia League, if the league is willing to be fair; if not, then, should we be unfortunate enough to have a losing club, we will make it a real loser by getting rid of the expensive men on the team," said Colonel Thomas B. McAdams. As a corollary to this statement, Secretary W. B. Bradley said: "We are going to help Ray Ryan get a winning club. We are not going to stand in his way. We have read the schedule and will play under it, giving to the people of Richmond the best baseball we possibly can."

Neither statement may mean anything. Both together may give an idea of how the owners of the Richmond franchise in the Virginia League feel.

Too Many Richmonds. The unanimity of opinion at the gathering of the gentlemen of the Virginia League, when the equitable schedule was adopted, must unquestionably augur well for that organization. Just one divergent note was sounded; just one grating rasp heard throughout the deliberations. Verily, there were entirely too many Richmonds in the field, and, unlike the lay of Shakespeare's tale, it was the Richmonds that were annihilated.

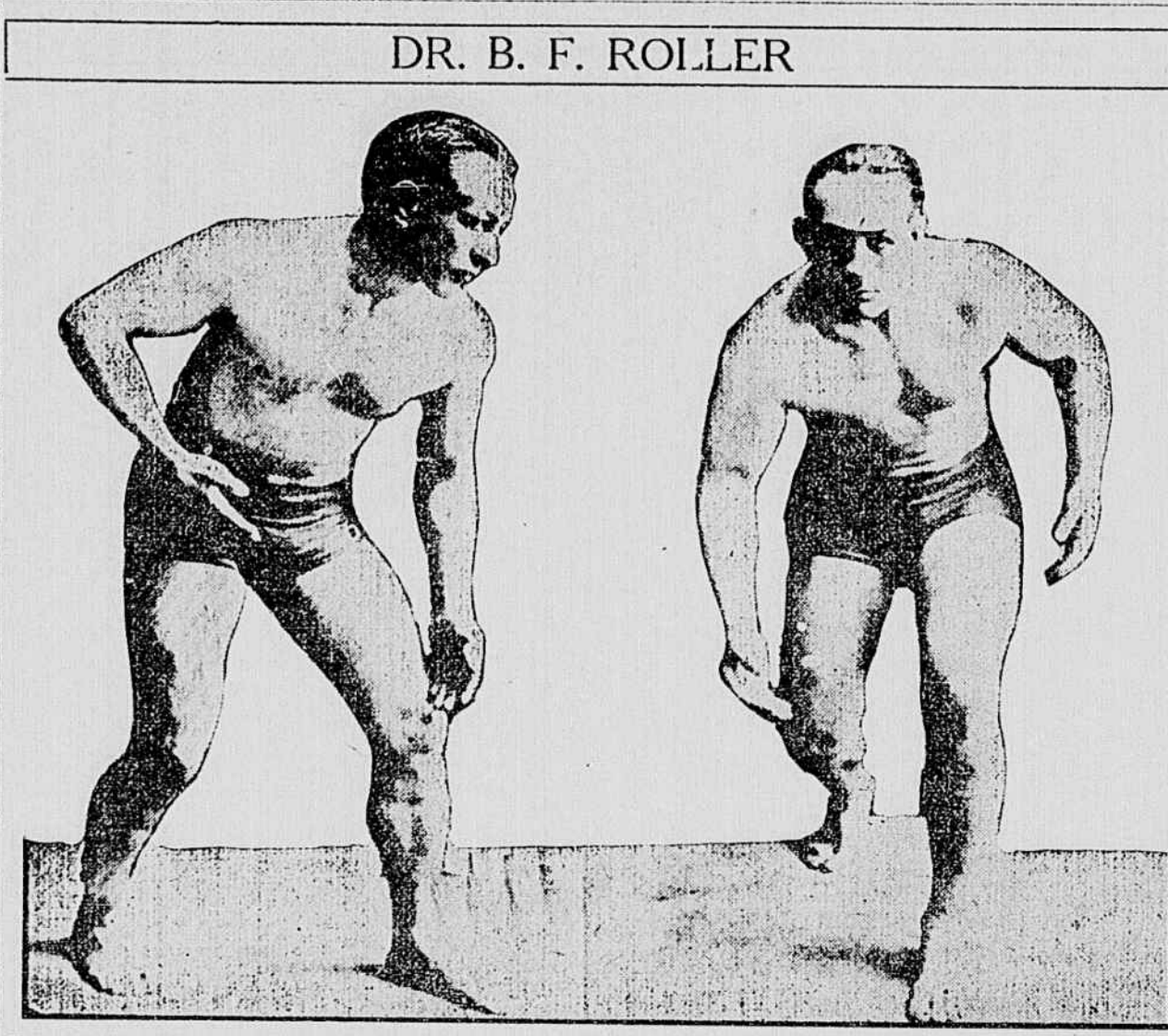
"Gadooks, ramshorns and chipmunks!" shouted the unanimous majority. "We are for the Virginia League, and, daddurnit, if she busts, we are still with her!" Then proceeded they to enact the equitable schedule, now a matter of history.

And it was a righteous cause they fought, those nobles, five; a righteous and worthy cause. Insooth, at least so said they, no more leaven of unrighteousness could sway them from their thornshod way so long as the final accomplishment was the good of the league; and some leagues are good, though dead. Be it known that five of the cities of the Virginia League--five; count 'em--are in the game for sheer love of the sport; no money-loving lust carried them on through tempestuous seas and over briared jumps through the long hurdlas.

Sport for Sport's Sake. "Sport for sport's sake"--that was the cry that took them on; the call that caused their Spartan blood to mantle their brows. (Here a few tears, Mr. Printer!) Indeed, it was a wonderful meeting--a classic in heroics and self-sacrifice.

Richmond, Richmond alone of all that noble six, stooped to the ignoble passion of grabbing shekels as reward for baseball endeavors. Richmond, and Richmond alone, sought to furnish dividends at the end of the long trek; Richmond alone would willingly count the surpluses, be there any, after the grime and dust of battle had been wiped from the fighting brows.

But--(and here, too, Mr. Printer, set it very small, for it's a secret)--but, if Richmond would agree to give, say a trifle of \$500, for additional week-end series at home, it might be accomplished.



Two poses of fighting face of man who now wears Frank Gotch's crown as champion heavyweight wrestler of the world. He will meet Shad Lick in City Auditorium to-morrow night in a finish bout. Joe Turner, champion middleweight of the world, will defend his title against Bull Montana on the same night.

AMATEURS GET LEAGUE PARK

Following hard upon the heels of the announcement that the Virginia League had adopted an equitable schedule, the Amateur Baseball Commission of Richmond yesterday closed with Secretary W. B. Bradley, was away from home. This settles the most difficult problem presenting itself to the commission, and at the same time will furnish the fans with an article of baseball when the professionals are away that is sure to please. The terms for the park were eminently satisfactory to all persons concerned. Aside from furnishing the fans with baseball regardless of the Virginia League, this newest deal means that the local leas-ees of the park will get quite as much revenue under this arrangement as when the league team is at home.

The rules committee named by President Hill, of the commission, has completed the work assigned it, and will report to a meeting of the parent body, to be held probably on Wednesday night. Secretary Hooper reports that the Richmond and Central Leagues will meet during the week, while several applications for franchises have been received, together with contracts from a number of the players.

FEDERAL LEAGUE DIVIDES PLAYERS

Awards Made at Meeting Yesterday, Though Disposition Is Still a Secret.

AFTER MANY MORE STARS

Gilmore to Meet World Tourists in Endeavor to Land Several Players.

Chicago, February 28.--The Federal League to-day divided its 210 ball players, made preliminary plans for its permanent race, and organized a final raid on its rivals--the raid planned to land in its ranks seven of the players now finishing their trip around the world with the Giants and White Sox. This was announced to-night, when the club owners of the "outlaw league" took a brief recess after a meeting that lasted for several hours.

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WILLIAM AND MARY IS GIVEN DRUBBING

Williamsburg, Va., February 28.--In the newest played game of the season, William and Mary was defeated by the Hampden-Sidney quint, which after a week-end series at home, it might be accomplished.

Note the guilelessness of the proposal. Under no circumstances could Richmond get all of the week-end games. It wasn't fair to "our constituents." Nawstr, Richmond wasn't entitled to week-end games. It wasn't a question of dollars. No such mean thought had entered the minds of the assembled magnates. Mere dollars were subjugated to the main idea--doing justice to "our constituents." But 500 real Richmond dollars might mollify the constituents and balm the consciences of the unanimous five.

Almost Equal Swap. Get the idea? Five hundred dollars' worth of balm for some nine week-end series. Was there ever more positive assurance that it was pure and unadulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an equitable schedule? Perish the thought!

President H. C. Elliott, of the Roanoke Club, one of the chief exponents of the sport-for-sport's-sake philosophy, announced that he loved Roanoke so well that he had disposed of all his holdings in the Roanoke Club, with the exception of a miserly \$100, so that the people of Roanoke could have the infinite pleasure of paying the deficits of that club, a privilege he had had for several years.

DR. B. F. ROLLER

BOWLING TOURNEY IS NEARING FINISH

First Meet Here Proves Eminent-ly Successful From Every Possible Standpoint.

WASHINGTON BOWLERS LEAD

Baltimore and Petersburg Pin Knights Sure to Share in Prize-Money.

The first intercity bowling tournament to be staged in Richmond is about to come to a close. On Monday night the final match will be played in the city, when the winners will be crowned. The tournament has been a marked success, and is attested by every one of the thousands of visitors to the Palace alley, where the battles were staged. While numerically the tournament was smaller than the inaugural affair in Washington last season, the visitors state that they more than made up for the deficiency in numbers by the royal entertainment they received.

Washington and Baltimore were well represented, and by stirring bowlers, men who have achieved honors on other alleys. Washington will unquestionably receive the major slice of the prize money. The superior talents from the capital city made a most creditable showing in all of the classes. Baltimore will also share largely in the division of the spoils. Petersburg, always regarded as a strong rival of Richmond in all branches of sport, did remarkably well, and the lads from the Cockade City are not to go home empty at the close of the week. Wardlaw, Doble and Harrison took first place in Class C, two-men teams; Fiers

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DEEP RUN HOUNDS LEAD GOOD FIELD

The weekly drag of the Deep Run hounds was held yesterday afternoon, the meet being scheduled for the V-lu-duct at 4 o'clock. In spite of the bad conditions of the ground quite a large field fell in line for the first cast. The first cast was in Shaffer's place and lay along Klesing Lane to the Cary Street Road, thence through Sunnydale to George Bull's, where the plowed ground made justifying pretty slippery. Fortunately no falls were had during the afternoon.

After leaving Bull's the course lay through Williams' to Woodlawn to Davis' to a church at Patterson Avenue. The next cast was in Adams' place, and lay along Patterson Avenue to College View, thence to Stop 29, where the final cast was made, and it lay beyond Dr. Taylor's to Bryant, thence through Stoneburn to a finish at the club.

In point of attendance, and considering the horrible condition of the ground, the hunt was the fastest ever held, as the riders were back at the club in 1 hour and 20 minutes from the time they started.

Riding were: Ormond Young, M. F. H. riding Wings; Harry C. Beattie, Jr., whip, riding Iron Prince; Fred Campbell, whip, riding Lady N.; John Branch, riding Flat Foot; Miss Fanny Cronshaw, riding Quaker; Miss Wardlaw, riding Her Grace; Edward Harris, riding Leesburg; Dr. White, riding Bob Roy; E. B. Snyder, riding Joe Mason.

WARREN TAKES TENTH VICTORY

Washington, February 28.--Warren, Pa., won its tenth straight victory in the interclub rifle matches this week, and retained its lead in Class B by defeating Stillwater, Minn., 951 to 885. Among Class A scores were Birmingham, Ala., 888; Fort Worth, Tex., 885. The Among Class B scores were Minneapolis, Minn., 861; vs. New Orleans, La., 851; Louisville, Ky., 825; vs. San Francisco, 819.

DICK CLEVELAND LEADS EXETER

Boston, February 28.--Richard F. Cleveland, son of former President Grover Cleveland, and a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, to-day was elected president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of New England.

TABER DEFEATED BY OXFORD STAR

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Oxford, February 28.--Arnold N. Jackson, the famous Oxford University athlete, won the 440-yard race at Stockholm in 1912, defeating John Paul Jones, Abel Kiviat and Herman Taber, after a most sensational finish, ran another magnificent mile to-day. He again defeated Taber, who is a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, by seven yards.

ROLLER IS TO MEET SHAD LICK HERE TO-MORROW NIGHT

Champion Heavyweight Will Defend His Title Against Baltimorean.

TURNER GRAPPLES BIG BULL MONTANA

Local Favorite Gives Return Engagement to Italian--Middleweight Belt at Stake--Both Lads Primed for Battle. Fans Show Great Interest in Bouts.

BY "REFEREE"

Never before has the wrestling colony of Richmond been so stirred as now, when announcement is made that to-morrow night Dr. B. F. Roller, the man selected by Champion Heavyweight of the World Frank Gotch to wear his mantle when he retired, will meet Shad Lick, of Baltimore, on the mat in the City Auditorium in a finish bout. It will unquestionably be the biggest card ever offered here, and it is just as certain that the auditorium will be packed from pit to dome to welcome Roller.

However, the Roller-Lick bout is by no means all of the attraction. True, it will be the wind-up, and therefore the banner event of the evening, but another championship bout will be staged. Joe Turner is to defend his title as champion middleweight wrestler of the world against Bull Montana. There may be some who do not admire the big Italian's style of wrestling, but there is none who can doubt his sincerity. The one wish of the Italian is to defeat Joe Turner. He has been wishing this for some time, but was always thwarted in his desires, largely because Turner has proved the better man in their previous mix-ups. Now Montana says that if ever in his life he was in prime condition it is for his affair with Turner.

Olsen Gets Cold Feet. Neil Olsen, after saying that he was glad of the opportunity to meet Roller, (Continued On Second Page.)

AMERICANS GIVEN ROUSING SEND-OFF

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, February 28.--"Come back again," was shouted from dozens of throats, intermingled with lusty English cheers and American "rah, rah, rahs," as the Glants and White Sox pulled out from Euston Station to-day en route for Liverpool to board the Lusitania homeward bound.

"It has certainly been one corking finish to our world tour," was the way John McGraw described his past strenuous week to The Times-Dispatch correspondent. "We are delighted with the reception given us in London. Everywhere we have experienced the greatest hospitality and friendship. We would like to have played one or two more games here, because we believe the British public would soon go crazy over the game. If any one cared to make a thorough missionary effort there would soon be nearly as many fans and players in London as in New York."

"The English people told me they think the game combines the best points of their two native games, cricket and football, and is superior to both. We shall be glad to reach home, but it has been a great trip."

"One thing is certain, a week's rest aboard the Lusitania will do the players good, for it has been one swift time for all of them."

VIRGINIA TECHS LOST FAST GAME

Salem, Va., February 28.--The final game of the most successful basketball season in the history of Roanoke College was staged here to-night, when the Roanoke team defeated the V. P. L. five in a rattling fast game by a score of 25 to 16. Both teams were in fine form, and Roanoke kept in the lead throughout the entire game, the score at the end of the first half being 14 to 7 in favor of the local team. Roanoke College has the season record of not having lost to any Virginia team.